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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO PRIORITY
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1. WE HAVE DECIDED NOT TO SEND A US MILITARY MISSION TO
SOMALIA FOR THE MOMENT SINCE THE SOMALIS PREEMPTED US BY
SENDING A TWO-MAN DELEGATION WHICH IS NOW HERE. WHILE RE-
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AFFIRMING OUR COMMITMENT TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING MILITARY
ITEMS FOR THE DEFENSE OF SOMALI TERRITORY, WE ARE EXPLAINING
TO THEM THAT THEIR DESIRE FOR AN IMMEDIATE US RESPONSE TO
THEIR WEAPONS REQUEST IS NOT REALISTIC. THE ESCALATION OF
FIGHTING IN THE OGADEN IMPOSES SERIOUS POLITICAL RESTRAINTS
ON US SINCE WE DO NOT WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CURRENT
CONFLICT. IN ANY CASE, AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE IS IMPOSSIBLE

IN VIEW OF OUR OWN LEGAL AND BUREAUCRATIC REQUIREMENTS.

2. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT SAUDI ARABIA MEANS TO SEND
A MILITARY MISSION. EMBASSY JIDDA MAY WISH TO COMMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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